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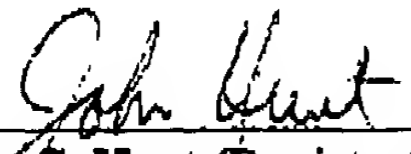
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In re Application of P tkovich et al.
Serial No.: 09/668,482
Filing Date: September 25, 2000
Title: Retinoid Metabolizing Protein
Examiner: Elizabeth Slobodyansky, Ph.D.
Art Unit: 1652
Atty's Docket No.: 57600/00035

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001. A shortened period for response was not set by the Examiner, so it is Applicants' understanding that the deadline for the response is May 6, 2002, the end of the 6-month statutory period. Accordingly, Applicants' believe that no extension of time r Petition therefor is needed.